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YOSHIFUMI TAKEYAMA, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1753
Application No.: 10/754,597	)	
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Filed: January 12, 2004	)	
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For: PHOTOVOLTAIC CELL HAVING A	)	
COATING FILM PROVIDED ON A	:	
PHOTOVOLTAIC ELEMENT AND	)	
MANUFACTURING METHOD	:	
THEREOF	)	May 5, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the Japanese documents, together with English-language abstracts, are enclosed.

The Japanese documents and U.S. Patent No. 4,260,429 are discussed at pages 3 to 6 of the specification.

U.S. Patent Nos. 6,130,379, 6,191,353, 5,942,048, 6,121,542, and 5,667,596 are believed to be English-language counterparts of Japan 9-92759, 10-233519, 7-321353, 9-18034, and 10-65192, respectively.

#### FORMAL MATTERS

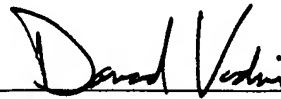
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits has not yet been issued in the subject application, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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